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Letter dated 25 May 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Cambodia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 25 May 1994 from His Majesty Norodom Sihanouk, King of Cambodia, addressed to you.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 72 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) SISOWATH Sirirath
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Letter dated 25 May 1994 from His Royal Highness Norodom Sihanouk addressed to the Secretary-General

I should like to express my sincere thanks for your kind reply to my letter concerning the alarming deterioration of the overall situation in Cambodia.

From 27 to 30 May 1994, at Chhang Sou On (my residence near Pyongyang), I shall preside over an inter-Cambodian round table in which His Excellency Chea Sim, President of the National Assembly of Cambodia, His Royal Highness Norodom Ranariddh, First Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia, His Excellency Hun Sen, Second Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia, and Mr. Khieu Samphan, head of the Party of Democratic Kampuchea, will take part.

Unfortunately, Cambodia is divided into two parts, one composed of Government zones and the other of autonomous Khmer Rouge zones. It seems, alas, that there is as yet no solution that would put an end to this fatal de facto partition of Cambodia. However, I must obtain from the Khmer leaders of the two belligerent parties an unconditional and lasting cease-fire throughout the territory of Cambodia.

While the Cambodian Government is prepared to agree to a cease-fire, the Khmer Rouge have remained silent on this matter.

Since the Khmer Rouge are not implementing the Paris Peace Agreements of 23 October 1991, it would be useless to hold another meeting in Paris or Jakarta.

Unfortunately, no one can make the Khmer Rouge do what they refuse to do.

This is a problem which, in the long term, threatens the very existence of Cambodia. I am greatly saddened by it and overcome by despair.

(Signed) Norodom SIHANOUK